

# **SENATE JOURNAL**

## **ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE**

### **TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE -- FIRST SESSION**

**Juneau, Alaska**

**Wednesday**

**February 5, 2003**

#### **Sixteenth Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Therriault at 11:06 a.m.

The roll showed nineteen members present. Senator Olson was excused from a call of the Senate.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, The Reverend Kathleen Wakefield of the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Creator God, as we join the nation in mourning the death of the seven astronauts killed in the explosion of the shuttle Columbia, help us remember the things that are most important to us. Remind us once again to care for the people we love and cherish. Remind us that it is relationships that matter most, and that, by our common humanity, we are also called to care for the least of Your children. Amen.

Senator French led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **Certification**

Senator Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the journals for the fourteenth and fifteenth legislative days be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

**Standing Committee Reports**

Reports dated February 3 were read, stating:

In accordance with AS 39.05.080, the Senate State Affairs Committee reviewed the following and recommends the appointments be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

**Commissioner - Department of Corrections**

Marc Antrim

**Commissioner - Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs**

Adjutant General Craig E. Campbell

There were no stated objections to the confirmation of the named individuals by committee members. This does not reflect an intent by any of the members to vote for or against the confirmation of the named individuals during any further sessions.

Signing the reports: Senator Taylor, Chair; Senators Dyson, Cowdery, Guess, Hoffman.

**SJR 4**

The Resources Committee considered SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4 Urging the United States Congress to pass legislation to open the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska, to oil and gas exploration, development, and production. Signing do pass: Senator Ogan, Chair; Senators Stevens, Seekins, Wagoner, Dyson. Signing do not pass: Senator Lincoln. Signing no recommendation: Senator Elton.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Natural Resources

Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Department of Revenue

The resolution was referred to the Rules Committee.

**Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills****SB 57**

SENATE BILL NO. 57 BY SENATORS OLSON, Stevens, Hoffman, Austerman, Elton, Seekins, Wagoner, French, entitled:

"An Act making a special appropriation for a grant to Arctic Winter Games Team Alaska; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Community and Regional Affairs and Finance Committees.

**SB 58**

SENATE BILL NO. 58 BY SENATOR COWDERY, entitled:

"An Act relating to permanent fund dividend program notice requirements and to the ineligibility for permanent fund dividends of certain persons sentenced for crimes involving mandatory motor vehicle liability insurance."

was read the first time and referred to the Judiciary and Finance Committees.

**SB 59**

SENATE BILL NO. 59 BY SENATOR COWDERY, entitled:

"An Act relating to permanent fund dividend program notice requirements and to the ineligibility for permanent fund dividends of certain persons sentenced for driving while under the influence of an alcoholic beverage, inhalant, or controlled substance, or for refusal to submit to a chemical test."

was read the first time and referred to the Judiciary and Finance Committees.

**Consideration of the Calendar****Citations**

Honoring – Dr. Don Hudson, Longenbaugh Memorial Award

Representative(s) Moses

Senator(s) Hoffman, Austerman, Cowdery, Davis, Elton, Green,  
Lincoln, Taylor, Therriault, Wilken, Guess, Ellis, Bunde, Seekins

Honoring – Kodiak Football League All-Star Team

Representative(s) Stevens

Senator(s) Austerman, Hoffman, Cowdery, Davis, Elton, Green,  
Lincoln, Taylor, Therriault, Wilken, Guess, Ellis, Bunde, Seekins

Commemorating - The Contributions by Asian/Pacific Americans to  
Alaska

In Conjunction with Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month

Representative(s) Stevens

Senator(s) Austerman, Hoffman, Cowdery, Davis, Elton, Green,  
Lincoln, Taylor, Therriault, Wilken, Guess, Ellis, Bunde, Seekins

Senator Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the citations  
be adopted. Without objection, the citations were adopted and referred  
to the Secretary for transmittal.

**Announcements**

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

**Adjournment**

Senator Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate  
stand in adjournment until 10:00 a.m., February 7, 2003. Without  
objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Kirsten Waid  
Secretary of the Senate

February 2003

**Announcements**

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**STANDING COMMITTEES**

+ indicates teleconference

= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

**COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS**

<b>Feb 05</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Fahrenkamp 203</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
+	Confirmation Hearing: Commissioner, Dept of Community & Economic Development- Edgar Blatchford		
<b>Feb 07</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Fahrenkamp 203</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		

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**FINANCE**

<b>Feb 05</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		
<b>Feb 06</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		
<b>Feb 07</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		
<b>Feb 11</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
	Accountability in Govt: Measuring Results Craig Holt, Government Consultant		
<b>Feb 12</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
	Presentation: Permanent Fund Corp Board of Trustees		

**HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES**

<b>Feb 05</b>	<b>Wednesday</b> No Meeting Scheduled	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
<b>Feb 19</b> +	<b>Wednesday</b> Joint w/(H) Health, Education and Social Services and (H) Special Committee on Education Alaska School District Cost Study Jay Chambers, American Institute for Research	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>

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**JUDICIARY**

<b>Feb 05</b>	<b>Wednesday</b> AK Court System Overview: C.S. "Chris" Christensen III, Deputy Administrative Director Doug Wooliver, Administrative Attorney	<b>Beltz 211</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
<b>Feb 07</b>	<b>Friday</b> No Meeting Scheduled	<b>Beltz 211</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>

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**LABOR & COMMERCE**

<b>Feb 06</b> + SB 20	<b>Thursday</b> EXTEND BOARD OF MARINE PILOTS	<b>Beltz 211</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
<b>Feb 13</b> = SB 20	<b>Thursday</b> EXTEND BOARD OF MARINE PILOTS	<b>Beltz 211</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
<b>Feb 26</b>	<b>Wednesday</b> -- Time and Location Change -- Joint w/(H) Labor and Commerce Confirmation Hearings: Regulatory Commission of Alaska- Dave Harbour Mark Johnson	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>3:15 PM</b>

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**RESOURCES**

<b>Feb 05</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
	Confirmation Hearings: Commissioner, Dept of Environmental Conservation- Ernesta Ballard Commissioner, Dept of Natural Resources- Tom Irwin <Postponed> Board of Game- Pete Buist, Michael R. Fleagle, Cliff Judkins, Sharon McLeod-Everette, Ron Somerville, Ted Spraker		
<b>Feb 07</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		

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**STATE AFFAIRS**

<b>Feb 06</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Beltz 211</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		

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**TRANSPORTATION**

<b>Feb 11</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
SB 31	RAILROAD UTILITY CORRIDOR TO & IN CANADA		
<b>Feb 18</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
SB 40	CONSTRUCTION OF HIGHWAYS BY DOTPF		

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**FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES**

**FISH & GAME**

<b>Feb 11</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
	Budget Overview: Dept of Fish and Game		

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**FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES (continued)****LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

<b>Feb 13</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Beltz 211</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
	Budget Overview: Dept of Labor and Workforce Development		
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**NATURAL RESOURCES**

<b>Feb 12</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Beltz 211</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
	Budget Overview: Dept of Natural Resources		
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**REVENUE**

<b>Feb 10</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
	Budget Overview: Dept of Revenue		
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**JOINT COMMITTEES****ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION REVIEW**

<b>Feb 05</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Beltz 211</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>
	Introductory Organizational Meeting		

<b>Feb 19</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Fahrenkamp 203</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>
	Discussion of Central Panels to create independent hearing office functions		
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**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT**

<b>Feb 19</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>House Finance 519</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b>
	Audits and Other Committee Business		
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**OTHER MEETINGS****FISH CAUCUS**

<b>Feb 05</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b>
+	Status of AK Commercial Seafood Industry: Chris McDowell		

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**JOINT SESSION**

<b>Mar 05</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>House Chamber</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
	State of the Judiciary Chief Justice Dana Fabe		

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**MINORITY CAUCUS**

<b>Feb 06</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Fahrenkamp 203</b>	<b>3:00 PM</b>
	Joint w/(H) Minority Caucus		